

**Asian** stocks were largely lower on Friday on reports that a promising drug for Covid-19 treatment had failed. US data showing business activity had hit record lows also weighed on sentiment and offset news that Beijing had cut interest rates on a key rate. Hong Kong fell 0.6% and Shanghai's CSI 300 fell 0.9%, while Seoul dropped 1.3% as the won weakened amid fears of a deeper-than-expected recession. Tokyo fell 0.9% dragged lower on tech stocks that fell on read-through from Intel's fall on Thursday.

**European** markets fell as investors shrugged off the latest stimulus plan from Brussels because of the lack of detail and instead concentrated on the wave of weak macro economic data. The Euro Stoxx 600 closed 1.1% lower and the UK's FTSE 100 fell 1.3% dragged by a plunge in retail sales in March and a dip in sterling which hurt its exporters. Travel and Leisure stocks were among the worst hit with Lufthansa down 8% after it signaled a contraction in the size in the airline in future; Airbus fell 3.5% on read through.

**US markets** rallied again with much of the gains coming in the afternoon session post the close in Europe and Asia. Microsoft and Apple were the key stock drivers while Amazon hit record highs all ahead of their results this week. Dragging was Boeing, which fell 6% on a report saying it planned to cut its Dreamliner production by half. Investors were cheered by some states saying they'd reopen this week, despite the health risks, with the news sending the VIX volatility index to its lowest levels since early March.

**US Treasury yields** were almost unchanged on Friday as risk switched back to equities and investors settled in for a long period of low rates from the Fed. The ten-year yield fell just 2bps and the 30-year 1bp.

**Oil prices** ended a tumultuous week a little higher on the day on Friday with Brent gaining 0.5% and WTI 2.7% although there was little fresh newsflow over the day to fire up enthusiasm. Brent was trading at \$21.44 and WTI at \$16.94.

MSCI	Latest	Yday	Last Wk	MTD	YTD	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar-20	Since 17 Jan
<b>World</b>	473	0.4	-1.6	7.0	-15.8	-1.1	-8.0	-13.4	-21.3
<b>United States</b>	2,706	1.4	-1.2	10.1	-11.5	0.2	-8.2	-12.7	-19.6
<b>Europe</b>	1,358	-1.2	-1.8	1.4	-23.2	-2.5	-9.3	-14.4	-24.2
<b>Japan</b>	2,881	-0.2	-1.8	1.8	-15.2	-1.4	-9.1	-7.0	-16.6
<b>Emerging Markets</b>	879	-1.4	-2.4	3.8	-20.7	-4.7	-5.3	-15.4	-23.6
<b>Asia Pac Ex Japan</b>	456	-0.9	-2.6	4.6	-17.0	-3.7	-4.2	-14.0	-20.7
<b>Asia Ex Japan</b>	584	-1.1	-2.3	4.2	-14.9	-4.4	-2.9	-12.0	-18.4
<b>Australia</b>	592	0.3	-4.3	6.8	-28.7	0.1	-11.0	-25.1	-33.2
<b>Hong Kong</b>	10,153	-1.0	-3.4	4.5	-13.6	-4.5	-1.4	-12.2	-17.3
<b>China H</b>	79.0	-0.8	-1.6	3.4	-7.2	-4.8	1.0	-6.6	-10.2
<b>China A</b>	1,694	-1.0	-1.1	3.5	-6.1	-1.8	-0.4	-7.1	-9.2
<b>Korea</b>	380	-1.8	-3.6	3.6	-19.6	-5.3	-7.4	-11.5	-22.4
<b>Taiwan</b>	376	-0.4	-3.2	6.6	-13.7	-4.7	-1.9	-13.4	-19.0
<b>Thailand</b>	339	-1.5	1.2	11.6	-26.0	-8.6	-12.2	-17.4	-33.7
<b>Malaysia</b>	267	-0.9	-2.3	1.4	-18.1	-3.9	-6.4	-10.2	-19.2
<b>Singapore</b>	401	-0.9	-3.4	1.2	-27.3	-3.5	-7.1	-19.9	-28.2

Indonesia	520	-3.1	-4.0	0.8	-38.9	-2.7	-11.9	-29.3	-39.4
India	430	-2.3	-1.7	6.1	-26.9	-0.8	-7.3	-25.1	-31.1
Philippines	379	-2.6	-5.8	3.2	-29.8	-8.0	-5.9	-21.4	-32.0
									Since 17 Jan
Local Indices	Latest	Yday	Last Wk	MTD	YTD	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar-20	Jan
DJIA	23,775.3	1.1	-1.9	8.6	-16.1	-0.9	-9.8	-13.6	-22.7
Nasdaq	8,634.5	1.7	-0.2	12.2	-3.5	2.0	-6.3	-10.0	-14.0
S&P 500	2,836.7	1.4	-1.3	9.9	-11.7	-0.0	-8.2	-12.4	-19.6
Euro Stoxx 600	329.6	-1.1	-1.1	3.1	-20.0	-1.2	-8.3	-14.4	-22.5
FTSE100	5,752.2	-1.2	-0.5	1.3	-22.9	-3.4	-9.0	-13.4	-23.8
DAX	10,336.1	-1.7	-2.7	4.0	-22.0	-2.0	-8.4	-16.4	-25.0
CAC 40	4,393.3	-1.3	-2.3	-0.0	-26.2	-2.7	-8.6	-17.0	-26.2
FTSE MIB	16,858.9	-0.9	-1.1	-1.1	-27.9	-0.8	-5.4	-22.4	-27.2
Ibex 35	6,613.9	-2.0	-3.8	-2.1	-30.1	-1.6	-6.9	-22.1	-28.6
Hang Seng	23,831.3	-0.6	-2.3	0.6	-15.4	-6.7	-0.4	-9.5	-15.9
Kospi	250.3	-1.4	-1.9	5.7	-14.6	-3.1	-5.8	-11.4	-19.2
									Since 17 Jan
Bonds and Commods	Latest	Yday	Last Wk	MTD	YTD	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar-20	Jan
Brent	21.5	-0.0	-23.7	-4.8	-67.6	-12.2	-13.2	-55.3	-65.9
WTI	15.7	1.3	-14.1	-23.3	-74.3	-15.6	-8.7	-56.5	-66.5
US 10Y yield	0.60	-2	-9	-11	-69	-21	-24	-42	-65
US 3M yield	0.12	11.9	-2	-8	-92	-0	-17	-90	-92
US 2Y yield	0.22	-1.4	5	-5	-86	-15	-34	-74	-85
									Since 17 Jan
MSCI	Latest	Yday	Last Wk	MTD	YTD	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar-20	Jan
United Kingdom	840.2	-1.7	-1.9	0.3	-28.6	-3.8	-11.9	-16.0	-28.8
Germany	1,597.7	-1.6	-2.9	3.2	-24.6	-3.1	-9.2	-17.0	-27.0
France	1,455.3	-1.4	-2.8	-1.0	-28.2	-3.4	-8.9	-17.6	-27.5
Italy	190.3	-1.3	-2.6	-4.3	-32.3	-2.1	-6.7	-22.5	-29.2
Spain	288.8	-2.1	-4.3	-4.4	-32.8	-2.7	-7.3	-22.1	-29.7
Austria	317.0	-0.9	0.2	2.9	-36.4	-4.5	-10.2	-28.0	-38.2
Netherlands	2,914.9	-0.6	-0.3	5.0	-16.7	-3.0	-7.9	-11.2	-20.6
Greece	14.3	-1.7	-2.1	1.4	-44.4	-4.9	-22.1	-26.0	-45.1
Switzerland	5,758.9	0.0	-0.1	4.3	-7.3	0.8	-7.9	-4.2	-11.1
									Since 17 Jan
MSCI	Latest	Yday	Last Wk	MTD	YTD	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar-20	Jan
EMEA	184.1	-0.4	0.4	5.6	-30.2	-4.8	-12.0	-21.1	-33.9
EM Value	149.0	-1.3	-2.6	2.1	-26.4	-6.7	-6.4	-17.5	-28.0
Asia Pac xJpn Value	122.9	-0.8	-2.5	3.3	-22.2	-5.5	-5.1	-16.0	-24.7

<b>Latin America</b>	1,502	-5.9	-8.8	-4.5	-48.0	-5.6	-12.0	-34.5	-45.6
<b>Brazil</b>	1,104	-9.0	-11.5	-5.7	-53.1	-7.5	-13.0	-38.2	-50.2
<b>Mexico</b>	2,884	0.1	-3.8	-5.8	-39.2	1.4	-10.0	-29.2	-35.4
<b>Chile</b>	891	-1.7	-4.8	4.4	-30.4	-7.6	-12.3	-17.8	-33.4
<b>New Zealand</b>	162	-0.3	-3.5	6.9	-10.6	-0.7	-5.1	-11.2	-16.3
<b>Asia ex Jpn Small cap</b>	800	-1.0	-1.2	8.6	-19.5	-4.4	-4.5	-18.8	-25.9
<b>Developed World</b>	1,988	0.7	-1.4	7.4	-15.1	-0.6	-8.4	-13.2	-20.9

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